

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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GERRIT C. LANGELAAR

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Title: WATERMARKING A COMPRESSED INFORMATION SIGNAL

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compressed signal includes variable-length code words each identifying a run of first signal samples and a subsequent or preceding further signal sample, the method further comprising the steps of:

- decoding the variable-length code words into respective first and further signal samples prior to said modifying step;

- merging the modified signal sample with succeeding or preceding first signal samples to obtain a new run of first signal samples, and
- encoding the new run of first signal samples and a subsequent or preceding further signal sample into a new variable-length code word.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to claim 7 was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claim was not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

7. (amended) The method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-6~~claim 1, wherein the compressed signal includes variable-length code words each identifying a run of first signal samples and a subsequent or preceding further signal sample, the method further comprising the steps of:

- decoding the variable-length code words into respective first and further signal samples prior to said modifying step;
- merging the modified signal sample with succeeding or preceding first signal samples to obtain a new run of first signal samples, and
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AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3)  
AND TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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